SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, it is a very important issue, otherwise, I would not have got up. I suggest to the Minister to call for a meeting of all representatives of the political parties. It's a burning issue. It is not a question of opposing or proposing. Mr. Raja raised a very relevant question. ...(*Interruptions*)... Agricultural land is taken away. ...(*Interruptions*)... Are you willing to call for a meeting? ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am afraid we are getting nowhere with this. ...(*Interruptions*)... I am afraid we are getting nowhere with this. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Sir, I repeat my request that you please announce that the House will have a discussion on this issue. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have already agreed to that.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, if you allow, we will give notice on this. ...(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Banwari Lal Kanchhal. ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री बनवारी लाल कंछल: सर, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से कहना चाहता हूं, निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि SEZ की आड़ में real estate का धंधा पूरे देश में हो रहा है—शॉपिंग मॉल्स बनाए जा रहे हैं, सिनेमाघर बनाए जा रहे हैं, होटल्स बनाए जा रहे हैं।

श्री सभापति: आप सवाल पूछिए।

श्री बनवारी लाल कंछल: मैं मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहता हूं कि क्या आप होटल, सिनेमाघर और शॉपिंग मॉल्स SEZ से बंद करने का काम करेंगे और यदि करेंगे तो कब करेंगे?

श्री कमल नाथ: सर, मैंने अभी दूसरे प्रश्न का उत्तर देते हुए स्पष्ट किया है कि अगर इस प्रकार SEZ Act का कहीं उल्लंघन हो रहा है, जो SEZ Act इस सदन ने पास किया है ...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over ...(*Interruptions*)... The Question Hour is over ...(*Interruptions*)... The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Demand for censoring television content

*184. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increasing demand from social activists to regulate television content;

(b) whether it has been suggested that the Censor Board should certify the TV broadcast;

(c) if so, the detials of such censor; and

(d) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) There have been a number of demands for having the TV content regulated through a Legislation/Code. Specific instances of demand for certification of TV Broadcast by the Censor Board have not been noted.

This Ministry taking *suo-motu* initiative had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, I & B for reviewing Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder and guidelines for certification of films prescribed under the Cinematograph Act, 1952. Report of the Committee has been submitted to the Government on 05.03.2008. No definite time-frame can be given regarding final decision.

Change in SEZ policy

*186. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to change the present policy of Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) if so, what are the changes contemplated;

(c) how many SEZs have been approved by Government and how many applications are still pending; and

(d) what is the total area of land which is earmarked by Government for the formation of these approved SEZs?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, formal approvals have been granted for setting up of 439 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) of which 202 have been notified. 201 applications are pending.

(d) The 439 appoved SEZs are likely to extend over 60,168 hectares in 22 States/Union Territories.

Terrorist plots in Karnataka

*187. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of terrorist plots and terror suspects recently detected in the State of Karnataka;

(b) the names of districts that have been infiltrated;

(c) whether the terrorist outfits involved have connections, if any, with foreign countries and organizations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) According to information provided by the Government of Karnataka, two persons were arrested on suspicion that they were riding a stolen two-wheeler. During interrogation, they revealed their activities and plans to commit serial blasts and other serious offences. On the basis of investigations, 5 more persons were arrested taking the total number of persons arrested to 07. Investigation have also revealed that some persons, including the arrested persons, had held meetings in Hubli city, Dharwad